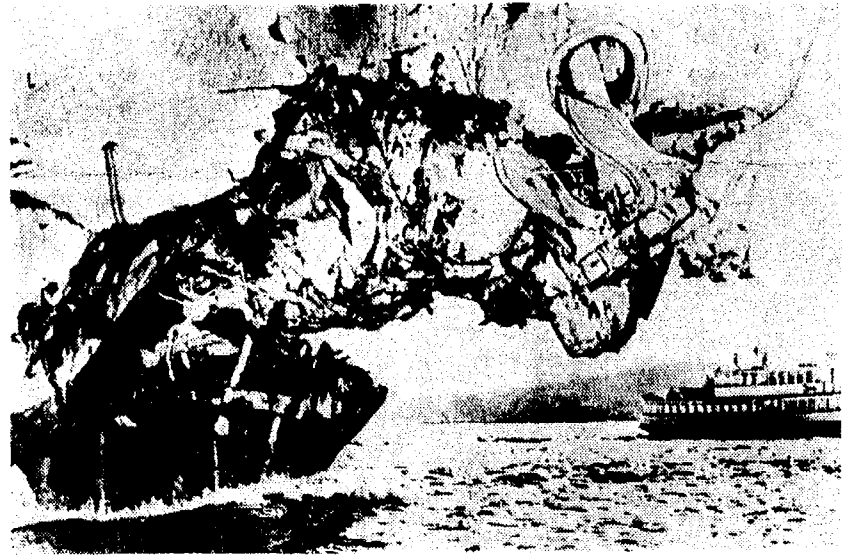


TRAGEDY AT SEA: The rear section of the U.S. destroyer Frank E. Evans, right, is held afloat by two Navy ships during rescue operations in the South China Sea today. The destroyer was sliced in half by the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne, in the early morning hours, Tuesday (late Monday local time) during SEATO maneuvers. (AP Wirephoto)



THE FIRST TIME: The bow of the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne, involved yesterday in a collision at sea with an American destroyer, shows wreckage in this file photo as she docked Feb. 12, 1964, in Sydney, Australia, after colliding with Australian destroyer, Voyager, during training maneuvers. The Voyager sank with a loss of 82 lives after being cracked in half. (AP Wirephoto)

HUNT FOR 73 MISSING IN WARSHIP COLLISION!

American Destroyer Cut Apart

It's Second Tragedy For Aussie Vessel

By GEORGE ZUCKER
Associated Press Writer

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — A small armada of naval vessels criss-crossed the South China Sea off the Philippines today searching for survivors of a predawn collision between an Australian carrier and a U.S. destroyer during SEATO maneuvers. The destroyer was cut in two and her bow section sank.

One American sailor was known dead and 73 men missing, the Navy said. There were 200 survivors.

The big carrier Melbourne sliced through the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans some 650 miles southwest of Manila.

Just why remained a mystery. Weather was clear, the seas calm, and both ships were equipped with modern radar.

The 200 survivors, all crewmen of the destroyer were transferred to the USS Kearsarge, a carrier that also was among 40 warships of six nations of the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization taking part in the maneuvers.

EXTENT OF INJURIES

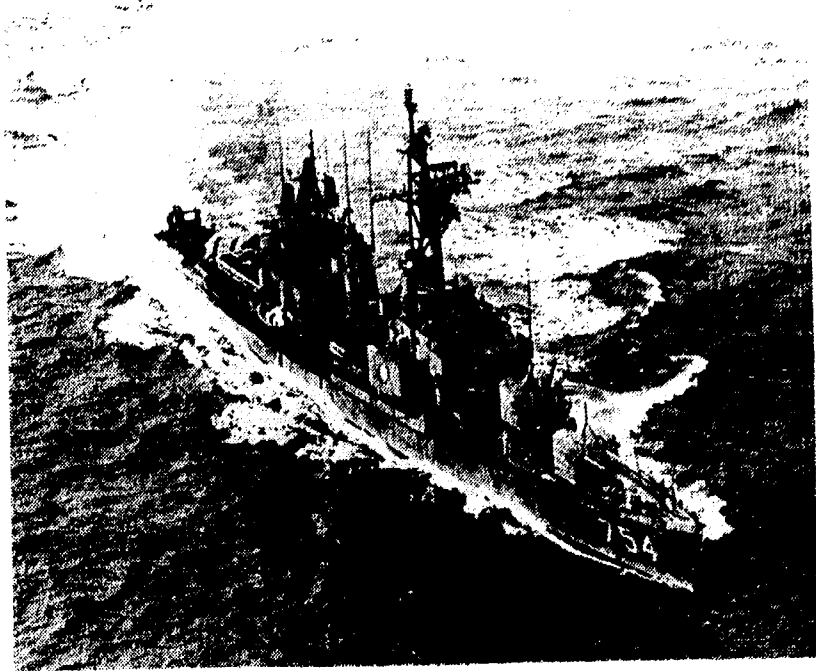
It was not known how many survivors were injured, but the Navy said one man in critical condition was flown to a U.S. hospital at Cam Ranh Bay, on the South Vietnamese coast 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

No casualties were reported aboard the Melbourne.

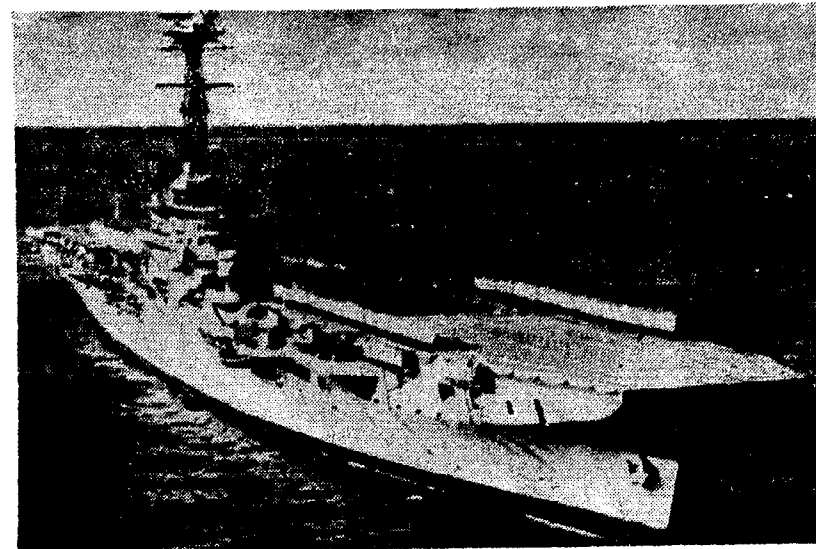
The bow of the destroyer sank two minutes after the collision, but the rest of the ship was lashed to the Melbourne and kept afloat while survivors were taken on board the bigger ship.

Hours later, the Navy reported flooding in the severed hull of the destroyer had been controlled.

The carrier sustained a hole in its bow three to four feet in diameter and 13 to 14 feet across above the water line, the Navy said. A spokesman added, "There was some damage to



U.S. DESTROYER FRANK E. EVANS CUT IN HALF



SECOND COLLISION FOR AUSTRALIAN CARRIER MELBOURNE

the forecastle and some damage to the flight deck. One catapult was out of operation."

Radio Australia reported the Melbourne was heading for Singapore and expected to arrive Thursday.

TIME OF COLLISION

"We've established the exact

time of the collision at 4:15 a.m., Philippine time," Tuesday a Navy spokesman said.

Helicopters from the Kearsarge shuttled medics onto the damaged vessel, then fanned out over the water to hunt for survivors.

Small boats from the des-

troys James E. Kyes and Everett F. Larson dotted the sea around the stricken sister vessel.

Secondary salvage operations were ordered to recover classified material and other documents, the Navy said.

Survivors included the destroyer's skipper, Cmdr. A. S. McLemore, and his executive officer, the Navy said.

Australian Rear Adm. G. J. B. Crabb was aboard the carrier, according to SEATO officials in Bangkok. The Melbourne headed for Manila after the rescue work.

It was the second time in five years the huge Australian carrier had been involved in a sea disaster. The first, involving an

Sentenced For Fire Bombing

South Haven Man Headed For Jackson

PAW PAW — Carl Langston, 18, route 1, South Haven, was sentenced to serve from 18 months to four years in Jackson prison yesterday in Van Buren county Circuit Court.

Judge David Anderson sentenced Langston on a charge of preparation to burn a building. Langston had pleaded guilty to the charge on Oct. 4, 1968. He admitted taking part in fire bombing three homes and two automobiles on the south side of South Haven on April 9, 1968.

Langston is the first of eight South Haven men arrested by police following the fire bombing. Originally charged with arson, they later were charged with conspiracy to commit arson which was further changed to the charge of preparation to burn property.

Three others have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentence. Two pleaded innocent and are awaiting trial. One is to be arraigned next week. The cases of two others are still in district court. Two juveniles who police said were involved have been petitioned to probate court.

Prominent SJ Woman Is Stricken

Discovered By Neighbor Boy

A prominent elderly St. Joseph township woman was in improved condition today at Memorial hospital after she was discovered stricken on the floor of her house Sunday by a neighbor boy.

Friends said Mrs. Anne V. Eaton, Niles avenue, had sustained a stroke. She was found by John Forney, Jr., 16, who went to her home on his regular Sunday chore of taking a Chicago paper to Mrs. Eaton. She was believed to have been on the floor about 14 hours.

John's mother said he heard Mrs. Eaton's dog barking "ferociously," looked in a window and saw her in the living room. John then climbed in a back window, called his mother and an ambulance was summoned.

Mrs. Eaton who will be 84 June 12 is the widow of William Eaton who was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade and Grain Exchange. In 1961, she sold 22-acre Eaton park site to St. Joseph township at a bargain price in memory of her husband. It has been developed into a recreational hub for youngsters of the area.

Work Beginning On Ludington Recreation Area

LUDINGTON (AP) — Work began today on a 480-acre \$25 million recreational resort area just north of Ludington. The project, being developed by a Farmington man, should be completed by mid-1973.

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Woman Killed While Talking On Phone

HUDSON (AP) — Officials of General Telephone Co. today were looking into the possibility that a bolt of lightning through a telephone line may have killed a Hudson woman as

she chatted on a telephone during the weekend storm.

Mrs. Ernest Peltier, 55, died Sunday while talking on the telephone in her home.

"The phone rang, she went

to the phone and was talking on the phone," said Dr. Lowell Blanchard. "There was a severe

bolt of lightning and a clap of thunder and her husband noticed that she had fallen to the

floor."

Dr. Blanchard, who pronounced Mrs. Peltier dead at Thorn Hospital in Hudson, said "she evidently had a cardiac arrest (heart failure)."

Blanchard said that whether the cardiac arrest was caused by "the lightning or the sound of the thunder I don't know. I don't see how we can prove either one." No autopsy was authorized by the survivors, he

said.

An official at General Telephone Co.'s headquarters in Adrian said that many persons had called the firm, apparently in apprehension after hearing of Mrs. Peltier's death.

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

Jet-Age Airport Proposed For Southwestern Michigan

GALESBURG (AP) — A \$20.5 million, jet-age airport was recommended today to serve southwestern Michigan in a report on a 16-month study of the region's needs.

The proposed 3,875-acre airport, capable of being expanded to meet the needs of 1990, would be located at Climax, just south of 194 and about midway be-

tween Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

Ralph H. Burke Associates of Chicago, which made the independent study, said the new airport could be opened in 1973 and that it would require \$40 million to provide similar facilities and services through expansion of separate airfields now serving Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

If Battle Creek's and Kalamazoo's airports were converted to handle jet-age traffic, the study showed traffic would be divided between them and existing annual deficits would grow.

The study was conducted for Southwest Air Inc., a nonprofit organization of Calhoun and Kalamazoo County citizens, recognized by boards of supervisors of the two counties and city commissions of both Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

REPORT MADE TO 200

The report was made to some 200 citizens at a breakfast meeting in Galesburg, just north of

the proposed jetport site, by John L. Donoghue, president of Ralph H. Burke Associates of Chicago. Southwest Air Inc. financed the study.

Travel time from downtown Battle Creek to the proposed site was estimated at 26 minutes, with only 24 minutes required to cover the distance from downtown Kalamazoo.

Donoghue reported Portage, Marshall, Springfield, Bedford, Oshkosh, Scotts, Fulton, Cooper Center and Yorkville all within a 30-minute range, with Benton

Harbor, Holland, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Jackson, Coldwater and Three Rivers within an hour's drive.

OTHER SITES DISCARDED

The study forecast 234,000 passengers would use either the Battle Creek or Kalamazoo airports this year, compared with a total of 199,860 last year, and said a joint field should attract 420,000 by 1973 and go to 620,000 within five years.

Initial construction would include a 9,000-foot long primary runway and a 6,500-foot long crosswind runway, plus a terminal building of 63,000 square feet, a parking lot for 800 cars and a cargo handling building.

The study considered and discarded other possible sites.

While Port Custer land outside Battle Creek could be acquired at little cost, the study showed it would cost approximately \$3 million more to level its hills than it would to prepare any of

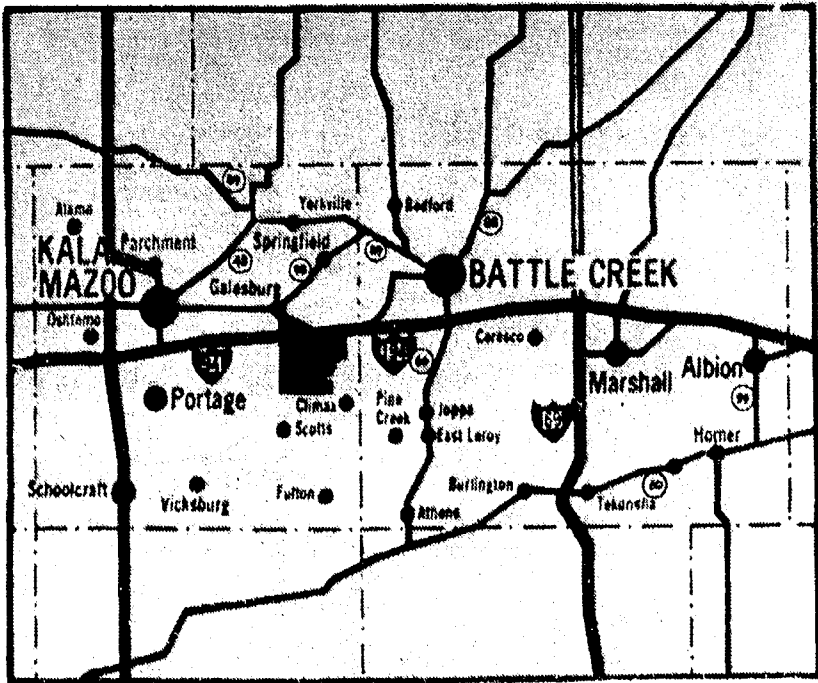
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Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 62 degrees.

Dad's Day - Give \$5 share in Hawks pro football or season ticket. \$10. Ph. 926-9720. Adv.

The Sleepy Owl week day hours should be 12 to 6, not 2 to 6, as in yesterday's advertisement. Adv.



JET-AGE AIRPORT SITE: Shaded area midway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek has been recommended as site for a jet age airport to serve southwestern Michigan after a 16-month study of the region's needs. Ralph H. Burke Associates of Chicago, which made the independent study, said the proposed 3,875-acre airport could be opened in 1973 and capable of being expanded to meet the needs of 1990. (AP Wirephoto)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

France Stays With Gaullism

Sunday's election in France indicates most of its people savor the leadership theories of Charles DeGaulle much as they declared two months ago the time had arrived to find a new exponent of those principles.

Almost complete returns show Georges Pompidou, a former premier and one time friend of DeGaulle, polled 45 per cent of the total votes cast.

Alain Poher, the country's interim president, drew 24 per cent, and Jacques Duclos, the Communist, received 21 per cent. Four splinter group candidates shared the other 10 per cent.

Some 23 million of the 29 million eligible citizens cast ballots on what is France's Mother's Day. This is a 79 per cent voter turnout, considerably above that scored in the hottest elections the U.S. has produced.

Since Pompidou failed to gain a clear majority, an event forecasted quite accurately by pre-election voter sampling, he and Poher must stage a run-off election on June 15th unless Poher responds to Pompidou's call for a concession now.

Outwardly the election displayed only a minor defection from the pollsters' form charts. Poher failed to pull the strength exhibited in a pre-election unswing and Duclos ran a few percentage points better than expected.

The prospect for Pompidou's victory in less than two weeks is bright unless Poher can pick up every vote the ex-premier failed to collect two days ago.

Sam Yorty did this very thing in the Los Angeles mayoralty election last week, but most French politicians feel their national characteristics do not parallel the Angelenos that closely.

Even if Poher upsets Pomidou, this would not shift France abruptly in a new direction.

Duclos was quick to comment once the returns had taken a clear trend that the two men are from the middle of the road and not inclined to head their nation into an orbit completely divergent from that which DeGaulle had established better than a decade ago.

The election itself results from a grandstand play which DeGaulle failed to pull off in April.

He had gone to his countrymen on an election reform plan which most Frenchmen seemed to consider more theoretical than the

Some Tests Needed

English, like Latin, seems to be falling into disrepute as a requisite in some institutions of higher learning. Kansas State University is one of the latest to drop the English proficiency examination as a requirement for graduation.

Proficiency in oral and written English once was a high priority in schools at almost all levels. Today, if it exists at all it is often more in the form of a necessary nuisance.

As employers and educators alike will confirm, many graduates of high school and college might as well have spent their formative years using a foreign language as far as their English proficiency is concerned.

It is a testament to the scientific age that a physicist recognized as a near genius in his field cannot write a grammatically correct sentence. A college graduate applying for his first job will be fortunate if he does not include misspelled words in his application.

Colleges and universities, of course, cannot be blamed if they

burning issue their aging President painted it. Substantively it called for reducing the Senate's power to obstruct action taken by the Chamber of Deputies. DeGaulle's interest in the scheme was the practical one of his influence with the Senate being less than that enjoyed in the lower house.

He kept his promise to resign as the chief executive if the reform issue lost out.

Pompidou's showing is reasonably good evidence to refute earlier predictions that Gaullism as a mental inclination would fade with the death or retirement of its founder.

The prediction contained a certain sense because DeGaulle had avoided, in truth, sidetracked, developing younger talent within his following.

Pompidou himself was a casualty of this treatment. As premier he guided the day to day mechanics of putting DeGaulle's grandiose thinking into practice, but fell from favor when this skill became noticeable by the public.

Poher is something of the same tactician though not so well known as Pompidou and not an original Gaullist in the ardent sense of that term.

The principal difference between Pompidou, Poher and DeGaulle is two-fold.

The first two obviously do not have the commanding personality of DeGaulle.

Neither believes France has the capability of staging the unilateral leadership among other nations which DeGaulle urged.

Leadership would be through partnership within the Western world membership, not as the hub of a third power bloc which DeGaulle argued as a balance wheel between the Communist and the Free World sectors, mainly the U.S.

This premise from Sunday's election could mean in the reasonably near future a more workable European Common Market, a French re-entry, to some extent at least, in NATO, and a less starchy attitude generally on other international problems.

Pompidou's plurality says most Frenchmen believe in the purpose and unity which DeGaulle stood for, but feel these qualities are maintainable better through neighborliness than by his made in France label.

Tracking Uncommon Cold

Isn't science wonderful? Before it's found the cure for the common cold, it is off on a search for a cure for the uncommon cold.

This may sound funny, but there's nothing very funny about the uncommon cold. The uncommon cold is a nuisance, to say the least.

Instead of going away after a week or so, as the common cold often does, the uncommon cold seems to hang on and on, flaring up every so often. It leaves children and parents alike with croupy coughs, sore throats that don't clear up, and running noses. Victims aren't exactly sick in the in-between periods, but neither are they well.

So maybe it's just as well that the researchers are off on a quest for a cure for the uncommon cold. The common cold is a miserable thing but long years of experience have taught humanity how to cope with it, and it should be able to get along for some time longer.

Who Makes Him Run?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

56 GRADUATE AT S.J. CATHOLIC

The 56 graduating seniors at St. Joseph Catholic high school attended baccalaureate Mass and later in the day received diplomas from Rev. Fr. Cletus Rose, pastor.

Rev. Fr. James Sullivan, former assistant pastor at St. Joseph Catholic and secretary to Bishop Alexander Zaleski gave the graduation address.

KENNETH WARD TO BRIDGMAN

Kenneth Ward has been named new principal of Bridgman high school. He succeeds Ronald J. Jursa who resigned to accept a position as principal at Vicksburg.

In addition to his three years as junior high principal and high school instructor at Bridgman, Ward has participated in all school activities. He taught four years in South

Carolina before coming to Bridgman.

YANKS PUSHING TOWARDS ROME

U.S. troops slugging through the Alban hills toward Rome have captured Monte Castellaccio, a bare 14 miles from the Eternal city, and another American column today drove up the Via Cassilina toward the capital. Other Allied troops pushed down the highway from Valmontone, one jaw of a potential trap for Nazi rearwards falling back under steady advances by the Allied armies to the south-east.

The power drive that cracked the Germans' Velletri-Valmontone line swept on to Monte Castellaccio six and one-half miles north of Velletri, and only 14 miles southeast of Rome.

YACHTING WEATHER

Yachtsmen were out in good

numbers on the placid lake yesterday. The palatial yacht, "Albo," of New York entered the harbor but made a speedy return to Chicago. The Mary Lou II, a new boat here, entered this port for the first time yesterday.

SCOUTS INITIATED

Alan B. James and the following Boy Scouts, Ray Swigert, Harold Burkhard, Arthur Habel, Vernon Jones, Victor Moore, Brayden and Chestee Gephart of St. Joseph and Max and Jerry Morris of Benton Harbor, have returned from Toledo, O., where the Scouts were initiated by the Toledo Scouts at their reservation.

NEW SIGN

A very attractive electric sign has been placed in front of the Gillespie drug store on State street.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

MEMORIAL DAY FUTILITY

In the magazine of last week and month have been pictures and pieces, opinions and studied orations about Memorial Day, its importance, what it stands for, and what we as good, pious and decent people should appreciate about it.

All these mentionings, actions and pictures of crosses row on row, in Flanders Fields where the poppies grow, tend to bring out the latent universal wish, why must things be so? Are there no other ways to live except by fighting?

We all feel, even the most avid fighters, that warring and fighting are not the rightest methods to use to settle things or to push progress in a particular direction.

Most people have myths about some time, some how people will live in the millennium, in a paradisaical elysium where war and fighting will not be used any more to settle arguments or make progress. These dreams of a better world, are they realized? When? How?

I believe they are, even for present day people. The steps to be taken and the methods to be learned are few and simple, well within the capacity of most people.

As I mentioned before, people are sheep and goatlike and are unable to make any progress in any direction, as groups, on their own initiative.

To produce progress, in any one direction, people must be driven. By forces able to overcome peoples inherent aimlessness, stupidity and inertia. Like sheep, people can be

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

YOU'RE STILL YOUNG

You're still young as long as you can still enjoy company.
You're still young as long as you love to hear people laugh.
You're still young if life still holds some meaning.
You're still young as long as you are satisfied to look in the glass.
You're still young as long as you enjoy dining.
You're still young as long as being with her gives you a glow.
You're still young if you still look for that silver lining.
You're still young if you have that "Get up and Go".
So have fun while you are still able
Give a laugh instead of a frown,
Make old age a sort of a fable
And I'll bet your feet never touch the ground.

Edna (Smith) Prince
Gallen

driven toward a cause. Most all "progress" is made that way. There are at present no other practical ways known to get masses of people to do anything or go anywhere. Without other direction, people by themselves can only produce chaos and frustrations.

At present the world has no leaders, either God, science or Marx oriented with enough knowledge, vision and ideals to coax the mass of people anywhere.

Alas only one leader today has any outstanding ability and that is Ho Chi Min. He has a one track mind and a fanatical

obsession. He has never given any consideration to anybody's welfare or life but his own. In all this world there is no other to match him or able to beat him.

So people perforce must keep on being frustrated and murdered all for the sake of ignorance or the ideals of Karl Marx. All not very worthy reasons for our best young people dying. People must find better and more humane, or should I say germane ways of living together. Otherwise soon might come one Memorial day, perhaps the last for the human species.

A sort of hopeless statement this? Yet, our best brains haven't got what it takes, even using computers as aids to lead us away from our inbuilt ability to destroy.

To have any chance at all, the coming generations must be bred much better and carefully than they are at present. Our's and the world's worthwhile future lies in better breeding of better people.

The Gnostics had a glimmering point long ago, about the truth making people free. But they didn't know the truth. As we don't know it either and our sole salvation or progress depends on a leader coming soon to save us from ourselves we, in the meantime must visit the graves of our gone best and pray and cry.

Why must things be so?
FRIED ALL,
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Stevensville

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. In Greek mythology, the goddess of the moon was called Artemis. What was her Roman name?
2. The Greeks called him Poseidon, god of the sea. What did the Romans call him?
3. What is a lek?
4. What is a won?
5. What is a leu?

YOUR FUTURE

Yours is one of the most fortunate anniversaries in the calendar. Today's child will be one of Dame Fortune's favorites.

DID YOU KNOW...

Elephants vanished from North America about 10,000 years ago.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1932 Lou Gehrig became the first major league baseball player to hit four consecutive home runs in one game.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Diana.
2. Neptune.
3. An Albanian coin.
4. A Korean coin.
5. A Romanian coin.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

"Do you believe in tonsils?" is one of my most unfavorable questions asked by patients. Yet it is unfair to confuse them further because they have been entrapped by false information and even ignorance about the tonsils, their importance in early life and the need for their removal.

One does not "believe" in tonsils as they believe in a religion. One does not believe in Dr. Coleman the removal of tonsils any more than one becomes involved in believing in the value of penicillin or cortisone. Patients are sometimes further confused by the fact that the opinion of their physician or pediatrician about the removal of tonsils and adenoids is in direct conflict with the judgment of the Ear, Nose and Throat specialist.

I have known doctors for 20 years who have made the arbitrary statement that "I don't believe in the removal of tonsils" and they have spent all these years defending that statement. Unfortunately, men of science are just as fixed in their opinions as others and sometimes refuse to budge and acknowledge a former error in their thinking.

I have never known anyone who, out of choice, wants surgery of any kind for themselves or for their children. Many parents who have had a ghastly experience when they had their tonsils removed are particularly loathe to subject their children to a similar one and, therefore, are most easily induced to follow the direction of "no surgery."

When will parents learn that the Ear, Nose and Throat specialist does not really get a maniacal look in his eye when he sees a pair of tonsils?

When will parents of young children finally learn that there are very specific reasons why tonsils and adenoids should be

removed and that this decision is based on many years of successful results following such surgery.

If a small child has repeated infections of the throat, high fevers, enlarged glands in the neck, poor appetite and one or more infections of the ears, especially with loss of hearing, the advantages are great for the removal of the tonsils and adenoids.

Some results of this surgery are spectacular. The frequency, severity and duration of throat infections are markedly diminished in almost all instances. It is wrong for parents to feel that the operation was not effective because the child still catches an occasional infection. Obviously, the removal of tonsils is not the total answer to the common cold or to all infections.

Another unfortunate trap that people fall into is a balance the judgment of their doctor against that of a neighbor or the proverbial opinion of the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker.

This operation is a valuable one and, like all surgery, must be carefully considered without prejudice and without being enslaved by false notions of its value.

I can never resist emphasizing that when this operation is performed, the child must be armed with the truth and with a complete knowledge of everything that's going to happen to him. Whenever possible, and hope it always is, a parent should spend the night in the hospital with the child so he has no feeling of abandonment.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Aerosol cans explode when exposed to concentrated heat.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 5 4
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 10 8 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 6 2
♥ 5 3 3
♦ 5
♣ Q J 7 4

EAST
♠ J 9 3
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ K 7
♦ Q 10 9 8 3
♣ A K 6 2

The bidding:

South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass

2NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead—six of spades.

Whether to win a trick or not is often merely a matter of using good judgment. There is no magic rule to provide you with the right answer. You have to work out each case by itself.

Suppose you're East and partner leads the six of spades against three notrump. You play the jack, which South wins with the king. Declarer returns the king of hearts, West following with the three, and the question is whether or not to win this trick.

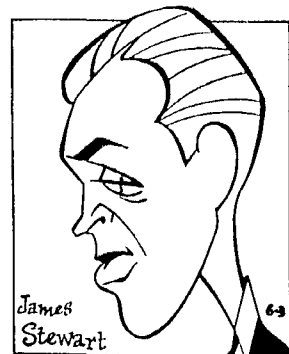
BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

James Stewart and Josh Logan, we learn from James Powers, returned to Princeton for their twentieth-fifth reunion, and found themselves bedded down in Old Nassau, the hall in which they had roomed together so many years before. It was the first night of festivities and no formal activity had been planned. "How about a game of gin just to pass the time away," suggested Logan. "Okay," nodded Stewart. "Any old sport in a dorm."

A skier friend of Charlie Rice once told him of a frightening dream he had had the previous night. He was skiing on the Jungfrau glacier with his wife and sister when a serious snow slide bowled over both women. He quickly realized he possessed insufficient strength to carry both women to safety. One would have to be left to perish. Which one should he save? That's the moment when his dependable wife shouted two short words that completely solved his problem. The two words? "WAKE UP!"

Debonair Rutgers Professor Ira Freeman has organized a group of convivia who love the classics but abhor the mere



thought of any form of physical exercise. Needless to add, they call themselves the Adipose Wrecks.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

A Tokyo report says the Japanese hope to become the world's leading piano manufacturers this year. Seems they're all keyed up about it.

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CONTROVERSIAL AREA REZONED INDUSTRIAL

Earlier Proposal Protested

Resident Claims Action Is 20 Years Too Late

St. Joseph township board of trustees last night rezoned part of a controversial area light industrial.

Trustees voted 5 to 1 to change about 30 acres adjacent to the St. Joseph city limits and Chesapeake & Ohio tracks from residential to industrial. The tract also is bounded by Hawthorne road and Shoreham.

The action represents a compromise after an original proposal to rezone some 90 acres from the city limits south to Brown school road was protested by residents at public hearings.

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said he wished there would have been more than the four people who attended last night's meeting to testify. He proposed another series of hearings but other trustees and members of the audience said little could be gained by repeating the hearings that drew large crowds last March.

The area generally alongside the C&O tracks and west of Cleveland avenue and south of St. Joseph is going industrial—either by purchase and annexation by the city of St. Joseph, or the St. Joseph Improvement Association or by development by the township.

One resident said the strip along the tracks from St. Joseph to Stevensville should have been zoned industrial 20 years ago.

ONE VOTE AGAINST

Only Clerk Andrew Schmidtman voted against rezoning the area light industrial and he said his no vote was on the procedure. He didn't think residents had been notified enough of the hearing. Voting for the rezoning was Robert DeVries, Edwin Brink, Dr. John Manning, Carl Reschke and Benson. Treasurer E.A. Larson arrived later in the meeting.

Recent purchase by the St. Joseph Improvement Association of the former State Highway department garage and about four acres of land at South State street and Hilltop prompted a comment by Reschke on the high value of industrial land.

The St. Joseph Improvement Association paid \$170,000 for the parcel which is located in the township. Benson said it will be placed on the tax roll next April. "I intend to keep that property in the township. I have no reason to believe it will leave."

In other action:

The board approved a subdivision plat, use of the township hall as headquarters for the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage treatment authority and granted the League of Women Voters permission to use a sound truck to promote voting during school elections Monday.

Vote on the Jordan View plat was unanimous after a poll on May 19 ended in a 3 to 3 deadlock. The subdivision is being developed by Ethan Brant off Niles avenue west of River-view cemetery. Norman (Red) Geisler contends he owns a triangular shaped parcel that juts into the right-of-way.

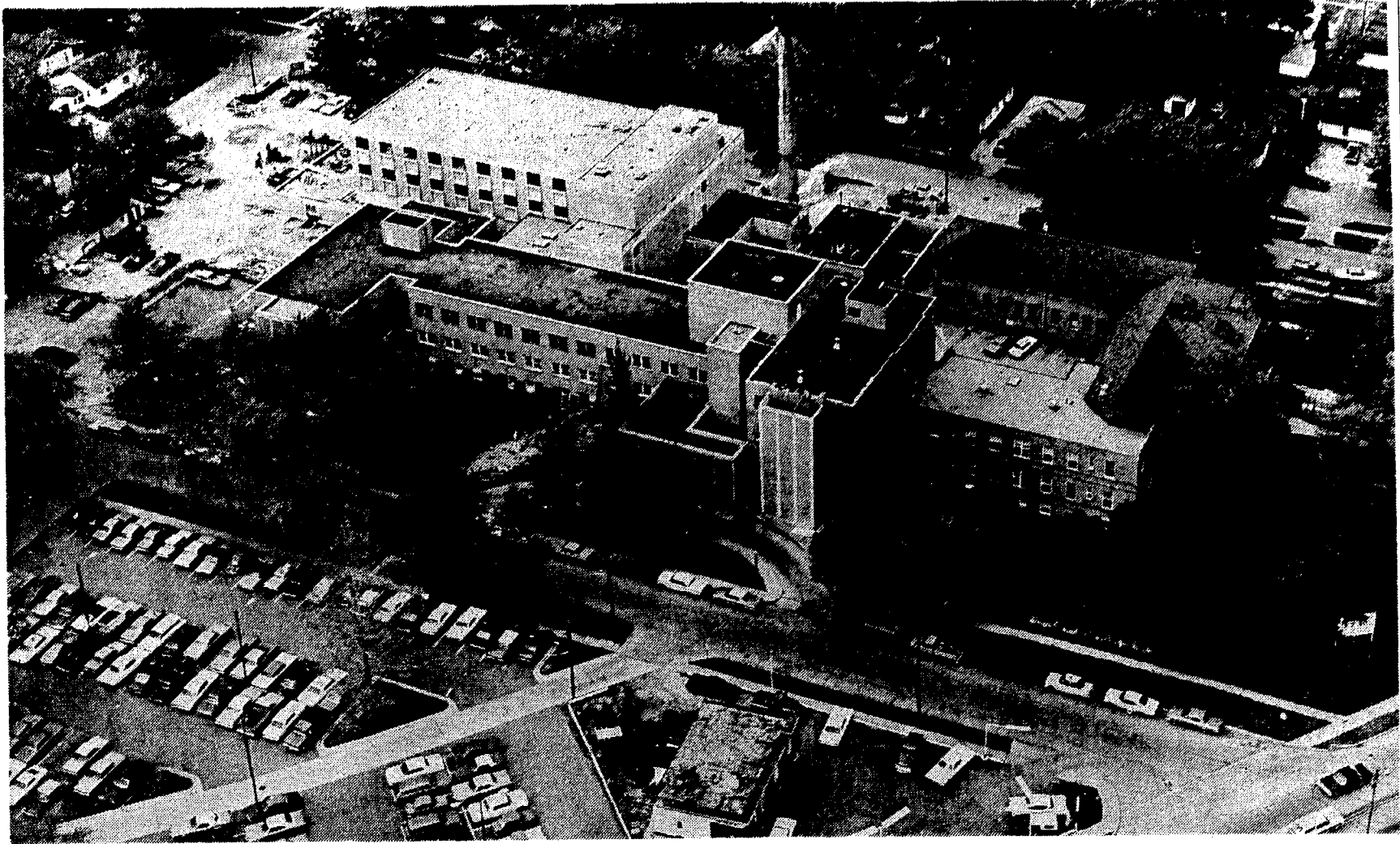
Benson explained that any defects in the right-of-way would be handled by the county road commission which he said has the right to condemn land.

Trustees voted to let the water authority use the township hall as its headquarters. If one of the township clerks is needed to take minutes of its meeting the authority will be billed, Benson said. The Authority is scheduled to open bids next Monday on a water line to the new Upton Junior high school. The bid opening next Monday may be an indication if the school will open this fall.

Benson said the township has received from engineers a breakdown on the cost of installing water mains under the new water service program scheduled to go into operation probably next year. The mains on the east side of the St. Joseph river will cost approximately \$325,000; on the west side of the river \$970,000 and \$120,000 in Shoreham.

Building Inspector Harold Morrison said building permits issued so far this year accounted for \$1,088,000 in construction.

Benson announced that John Chivigies had resigned as the township representative on the Community Relations Advisory board (CRAB). A successor will be named later. Chivigies is moving out of the township, Benson said.



NEW WING NEARS COMPLETION: The new wing (top left) and remodeling program at Benton Harbor's Mercy hospital is rated 80-90 per cent completed by hospital administrator C. T. Loft-

us. Supportive services being added in the wing are expected to go into use in July. The 80-patient beds will follow in September-October. According to Loftus, the workmen are now completing the

interior work in the new wing. The wing and remodeling are costing about \$5.3 million. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hahn)

Storm Drain Project Has High Price

St. Joseph City, Township To Pay \$100,000 Each

Officials in St. Joseph city and St. Joseph township face a \$100,000 problem each because of a proposed storm drain project in the Hawthorne avenue area.

City manager Leland Hill told city commissioners last night the engineers for the Berrien county drains commission office had come up with a \$257,000 price tag for the project.

About \$50-60,000 could be obtained from the county road commission, according to Hill. But the rest would be split between the city and township, he said.

Hill said the engineer, Petrie and Associates, was recommending a 60-inch line be installed along the 1,800 foot length of the drain route.

PROBLEM IS FUNDS

The problem for both the city and township, said Hill, was coming up with the funds. Hill said the city would have to take its share from the general fund.

Township supervisor Orval Benson said the township funds could either come from the general fund or from special assessments of a drainage district. No determination has been made yet, he said.

The possibility of stretching the payments over a number of years, said Hill, is being studied as an alternate plan.

Hill said the project cost was being split between the city and township because each is responsible for 50 per cent of the drain.

The county road commission would provide a cash payment toward part of the project because, Hill said, it is already planning to improve the drain on Cleveland in a road improvement project.

RUNOFF INCREASED

The drain, known as the Abraham drain, runs from Lake Shore drive down Hawthorne to Cleveland and then south on Cleveland.

Hill said runoff water from the city industrial park development has increased the load on the existing drain because of the added roof, blacktop and concrete covering of ground.

Hill also reported, in connection with another proposed project, that engineers from the Conser and Townsend firm had given a preliminary cost figure of \$150,000 for a water line from the city's plant to Lake Shore drive. Hill said a final estimate could not be made until working plans were developed. The line is required to provide water to south areas of the city and St. Joseph township.

HOUSE TORN DOWN

Commissioners were also informed by Hill that a condemned house at 1117 Niles avenue was torn down Monday under a previous commission order. Demolition had been delayed to allow the owner, realtor Richard Ludwig, to come up with plans for redeveloping the site.

Hill said, however, Ludwig had submitted no additional plans or made any move on the redevelopment project since withdrawing a proposed 12-unit apartment house plan. Ludwig dropped the plan when the city planning commission and commission limited the number of apartments to eight because of parking space.

During the commission meeting, the commission renamed the Peoples State Bank as the city's bank for revenue deposited by the city; and received letters from students at the Brown grade school.

The letters asked that a cemetery property at Cleveland and Brown school road be maintained. "It's said about 15 of the 25 acres is in swamp."

BH Getting Discipline, Dress Code

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles describing what the Benton Harbor school district is doing in an attempt to improve learning conditions. The district will vote next Monday on a 5.5-mill tax increase for operating purposes.

A uniform code of discipline and dress for Benton Harbor school district students will take effect at the start of the next school year, according to Robert Payne, assistant superintendent for personnel.

A school district committee is

now developing the new code. The panel consists of 22 teachers and administrators. After recommendations are completed, members of the citizens advisory committee will be asked for comments on the policy which requires adoption by the board of education. Specific discipline practices have varied in the district.

In announcing the plan for a new policy, Payne commented: "The changing times require a firm new look at our discipline and dress policy. It is simply not enough to have a policy. It must be one that can be communicated thoroughly to

every student, teacher and parent and must be quickly enforceable in a consistent and evenhanded manner.

"The working committee, with the help of the citizens advisory committee, will strive for a policy that is fair and just and will be a positive force in assuring all of our students the best possible atmosphere for scholastic achievement and personal development. I believe we have the people that can do the job."

The committee has been divided into three grade level areas. Chairmen are:

Elementary—Joseph Shurn,

principal Seely McCord; Robert Sill, principal Fairplain West and Northwest; junior high—John Cooper, principal Hull; senior high—Joel Carr, assistant principal BHHS.

The board of education has charged the committee to draft the conduct and dress code for application throughout the district.

In constructing the new code, the committee will be guided by a 10 point program of review and consideration.

1. The type of school and classroom discipline that will promote the most favorable atmosphere for training.

2. The legal responsibilities of students, teachers, parents and schools.

3. The difference between major and minor disciplinary problems and a uniform program of action to deal with each.

4. Present rules on temporary and long-run suspensions and permanent expulsion.

5. Conditions under which physical punishment should be used.

6. Truancy and its effect upon learning.

7. Behavior of students to and from school and its affect in the school setting.

8. The role of outsiders in our schools and student association with outsiders on school grounds.

9. Rules and guidelines that will give students, teachers and parents the exact course of action that will be followed when a problem occurs.

10. Appeal procedures available to parents of suspended or expelled students.

Upon its approval, the uniform discipline code will be presented to students, teachers, and parents through a program of printed materials, group meetings and individual counseling.

Home Inspection Reports Not Clear

Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart said last night clarification is needed on building inspection reports to clear up any misunderstanding on the extent of repairs home owners are required to make.

Stewart commented after a Model Cities official said that a Federal Housing administrator appraiser wouldn't approve a loan to bring a house up to standard.

Warren Mitchell, chairman of the Model Cities citizens steering council, reported the appraiser looked at house with a market value of \$10-\$11,000 and declared \$9,000 for remodeling wasn't housing.

The housing inspection program can be defeated before it really gets started, Mitchell warned.

Stewart and Mayor Wilbert Smith declared it's not the intent to bring every house in the city up to present day building code. Houses built 40 years ago or more are non-

conforming in regard to room size, amount of windows and other designs that are difficult and costly to change.

INSPECTION SERVICE

The inspection program is aimed at health, safety and serious structural defects. Stewart said on first inspection a property owner is given a complete inventory showing how his house measures up to code. This is considered a service to the owner Stewart explained.

In 30 days, the inspector returns with an order to repair priority items which could be hazardous. The order requires the minimum extent of what the law requires. If the owner wants to do more, so much the better.

Stewart said if the notices are being misunderstood, further clarification is needed.

Mitchell declared housing the No. 1 problem of the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities area. In a progress report, he said a resource

coordinator has been selected to direct 12 neighborhood aides who will contact residents to determine their desires and needs on the physical, economic and social aspects of the project.

The resource coordinator will be announced later when he is hired formally, Mitchell said.

MODEL CITIES PLAN

Mayor Smith urged commissioners to do some homework on Model Cities which is in the planning stage after approval last November of the city-township application. Smith said he has marveled at the cooperation of citizens on the steering council.

A request by Model Cities project for a permit to erect a portable office building at Fair and Buss avenues was held up pending a report on the cost to the project.

In other business: The commission ordered a hearing on objections to the northwest sanitary sewer which

will serve an industrial area along Ox creek and Hinkley street. Estimated cost is \$310,000 with the city seeking federal and state participation.

Vacation of several streets in the old fruit market area was approved to permit development of a shopping center.

HEARING SET

A public hearing was set June 30 on the vacation of North Stevens street and an adjacent alley. The submerged land, platted for street purposes but never developed, is surrounded by several lots sold to John Yerington Co.

Commissioner Edward Merrill congratulated the owners of a building on Michigan street for tuck pointing and painting after an adjacent building was torn down by urban renewal.

The building houses the Humphrey Insurance agency. Merrill said this was a good example while property at "four corners" still remains unsightly

after demolition last winter.

City Atty. Samuel Henderson reported on a proposed change in the taxi cab ordinance which would require licensing and inspection of a limousine that hauls passengers from Ross field. The limousine presently is exempt because the ordinance

St. Joseph Sidewalk Plans Told

Sidewalk construction will continue in the southwest section of St. Joseph, the city's engineer's office reported today, with projects listed for nine streets.

Sidewalk installation is scheduled for the following streets:

Pioneer road; North street; Wilson court; Murphy court; Wallace avenue (north side from Wilson court to Cleveland avenue); Stadium drive (west side from Wallace avenue to St. Joseph High school); LaSalle avenue (north side from Lakeview avenue to Lakeshore road); Cleveland avenue (from Vail court north) and Lakeshore drive (from Main street to Cleveland avenue).

Property owners will be notified when the sidewalks will be built. Upon completion of the sidewalk installation, property owners will be notified of the cost. They have five years to pay the assessment. Six per cent interest is charged on the unpaid balance.

refers to vehicles that carry seven passengers or less.

PRESENTS FLAG

Mrs. Jim Mathis, representing Disabled American Veterans auxiliary, presented a flag to Mayor Smith for display at Harbor Towers.

Mrs. Alice Canfield, 466 East Empire avenue, asked who is responsible for enforcement against parking a car in a front yard. Stewart replied it is a violation of the zoning ordinance and should be reported to the inspection bureau.

Smith complimented Crystal Springs cemetery officials for putting the place in top shape for Memorial Day and the people who presented the services, but he wished attendance at the observance had been larger.

The city wrote off four dead beat accounts of \$156.06 for rent due on property acquired by urban renewal. The accounts are two years old.

Lot Owners Should Register For Mowing

Owners of vacant lots in St. Joseph that need mowing should register with the city manager's office (983-5541) by June 13, Allan Thar, superintendent of the forestry department said today.

Lots will be mowed in June and September on a fee basis, Thar said. The department mows grass on vacant lots and then bills the owners. To make the operation more efficient and prevent backtracking the requests should be in the city manager's office before June 13.

Owners should remove rubbish, pieces of broken concrete, and other debris. In the end it will save them money because charges are based on the length of time it takes to mow the lot.

BH Officials Will Prod State For Fair-Highland Traffic Light

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith and City Manager Don Stewart will go to Lansing in an attempt to prod the State Highway department into installing a stoplight at Fair and Highland avenue.

"I have been accused by some of not fulfilling my duty as mayor and seeing that they get a light there," said Smith. "I know it's a dangerous corner and don't want to wait until someone gets killed."

The city has applied several times to the state for a light.

Each time the state has rejected it. Because Fair avenue is a state highway, the state has jurisdiction on traffic controls.

James Alexander, president of the Young Men's Improvement club, and others have been critical of the city for failure to get a light.

The mission to Lansing by Smith and Stewart was authorized by the commission. Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh said he hoped they also would inform the state of the need for traffic controls at Fairplain Plaza which is in Benton township.

HERE'S WHAT VO-TECH PROGRAM IS ABOUT

Train Kills Bangor Man

Third Railroad Fatality In City This Year

BANGOR—William Settles, 69, route 2, 62nd street, Bangor, died of severe head injuries when the car he was driving was struck by a southbound Chesapeake & Ohio freight train here Monday morning.

Settles was the third person to die this year on railroad crossings in Bangor. His auto was struck on the Center street crossing in the northern portion of the city. Last January, a Bangor couple were killed when their pick-up truck was struck by a train on the Charles street crossing here. Last Tuesday a Portage man escaped with apparent minor injuries when his auto was rammed by a train on the Main street crossing.

City police said Settles was dead on arrival at South Haven Community hospital. He was the 18th person to die in traffic crashes this year in Van Buren county.

Police said Settles apparently drove his car partially into the path of a southbound 56-car freight train around 10:40 a.m. and then "froze," Engineer Hoch Stewart, Grand Rapids, told police he saw the driver of the car simply throw himself down on the front seat of the vehicle and wait for the crash.

The impact damaged the front of the vehicle, and Settles suffered fatal injuries when he was thrown against the dashboard and front windshield.

The center street crossing is marked, but does not have flashing warning lights. This and other crossings in the city have been under study by city officials and the Michigan Public Service Commission since the fatal crash last January. The city council last March reported that a survey showed that 3,629 vehicles passed over the Center street crossing during a 24-hour period. This was the busiest crossing in the city.

The same survey showed 342 vehicles crossing the Charles street tracks, and 218 on Main street.

RETIRED STEEL WORKER
Mr. Settles was born in South Carolina, Sept. 22, 1899, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Settles. In 1965, he retired from the U.S. Steel company at Gary, Ind.

He was a member of the Covert Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include his widow, the former Viola Wilkins, whom he married Dec. 25, 1938, in Gary, Ind.; a daughter, Miss Harriett Settles of Chicago, Ill.; six sisters; one brother; one grandchild; and his stepmother, Mrs. Sallie Settles of Washington, D.C.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the McKane funeral home, Bangor.

Dowagiac Firm Will Expand

Building Large Plant At Alma

DOWAGIAC — Consolidated Die Cast Corp. of Dowagiac will expand its facilities with the construction of a \$1 million, 20,000 square-foot plant in Alma.

Announcement of the expansion was made by Gordon E. Reynolds, president of Sealed Power Corp., Muskegon. Gordon said Consolidated Die Cast, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sealed Power, will construct the plant on an eight acre site in the Alma Industrial park.

Gordon said the new plant is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1, with initial employment expected to be about 50 persons. Production should begin next December, said Gordon.

Plans for a 30,000 square-foot addition to the Consolidated plant in Dowagiac were announced last March. The cost was announced to be \$500,000. The Dowagiac plant employs about 400 persons.

The new plant in Alma will manufacture die cast automotive parts. The Dowagiac plant manufactures aluminum and zinc castings by the die cast process for use in the automotive, appliance business machine, power tool, farm machinery and other industries.

Sealed Power, headquartered in Muskegon, produces engine parts. It maintains plants at St. Johns, Mich.; Rochester and LaGrange, Ind.; Stratford, Ont.; Mexico City and Monterrey, Mexico.

Speeders Discussed In Baroda

BARODA — The Baroda village council in a short meeting last night discussed speeding problems in certain areas and instructed John Harner, village marshal, to watch carefully for speeders.

The areas drawing complaints of speeding include streets leading to the village park and to the Little League field.

Current bills totaling \$3,000 were approved.



FIRST STRAWBERRIES BRING \$600: The first crate of strawberries to appear on the Benton Harbor fruit market this season was auctioned off for \$600 Monday morning at the market. Six persons went together on the purchase, they are from left; John Pawlacyk of JP Food and Beverage Co., Stevensville; Jack Ashley Ford Sales, Inc., Fairplain; Irving Flamm of Quality Packaging Products and Market Packaging Supply, Benton Harbor;

Cal Seel, Jr., season buyer; D. R. "Bud" Shaffer, season buyer; and Cy McClure of Cy-Lou Farms, Eau Claire. Grower Arthur Pudell of rural Sodus, not pictured, received \$25 and the remaining \$575 will be split up between three charities; Goodfellow Fund, \$383; Benton Harbor Elk's building fund, \$96; and the Eau Claire Community church, \$96. Auctioneer John Glassman of Eau Claire is seen in the background. (Staff photo)

School Promotes Andrews

BH Native Is New Superintendent

Warren Andrews, assistant superintendent the past two years, has been named superintendent of Three Rivers schools. He is a former resident of Benton Harbor and a 1954 graduate of Benton Harbor high school.

Andrews succeeds Robert J. Davis who resigned to become superintendent of Wyoming schools near Grand Rapids.

Andrews will take over his new job June 1. His contract calls for a \$17,000 per year salary. He has an option for renewal for the 1970-71 school year.

A native of Benton Harbor, he went to Kalamazoo college after graduating from Benton Harbor high school. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Warren Andrews, Sr. of Benton Harbor. Two sisters, Mrs. Beverly Renbarger and Mrs. Walter Wolske, live in Benton Harbor; another sister, Mrs. Robert Reed, lives in St. Joseph and a fourth sister, Mrs. William Larsen, lives in Sawyer.

Andrews has been in Three Rivers the past two years. Previously he was superintendent of the Centreville school system. He and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters and two sons.

SANCTIONS LIFTED

DETROIT (AP) — The Michigan Education Association (MEA) Monday formally agreed to lift its sanctions against the Riverview school district.



WARREN ANDREWS

Berrien School Posts Filled

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Two incumbent members of the Berrien County Intermediate School Board of Education were returned to office for six-year terms last night.

Ralph Lehman of Niles, 62, a veteran of 22 years on the board, was re-elected, along with Adrian VanGinhoven, 45, Sawyer.

A third candidate in the race for two seats was Richard Koch, 38, Higman Park, Benton township, an assistant corporation counsel for Whirlpool.

Representatives from each of the 16 school districts in the county assembled at the new intermediate district headquarters here to cast ballots.

The vote was: Lehman, 14; VanGinhoven, 11; Koch, 6.

Lehman, president of the intermediate board, is the retired former head of the science department of Niles high school and has served on the board since it was first established in 1947.

VanGinhoven, a wholesale nursery operator, was appointed to the board last November to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of another longtime member, D.E. Patterson of New Buffalo. VanGinhoven also is a member and vice president of the River Valley school board.

Wrecked Plane Found In Lake

MACKINAC CITY (AP) — The wreckage of a small plane missing on a flight from Marquette to Pellston was found Monday in northern Lake Huron.

There was no sign of the Grand Rapids family of three aboard the aircraft. Divers were to search the area this morning for bodies.

The passengers of the plane were identified as James Greis, 32, his wife, Janice and their one-year-old daughter, Rebecca.

River School Annex Slated For Discussion

Voters of the River school district will have an opportunity Wednesday night to learn first hand from the Eau Claire board of education about Eau Claire's plans for future education and the possibility of annexing the River district to Eau Claire.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at River school, 4439 River road, Sodus township.

The River school district board arranged the meeting, according to Victor Miller, board secretary, before acting on a petition by a group of River school voters for an election to determine if River district should annex to Eau Claire.

River school district is one of two remaining independent el-

ementary school districts in Berrien county. The other is Riverside school district in Hagar township.

Deer Hit On M-140

SOUTH HAVEN — A car driven by William McNeese, 20, 657 Frances street, South Haven, struck a deer on M-140 at the south city limits here Monday afternoon. McNeese told police the deer jumped in front of his car and the windshield shattered. McNeese was slightly injured, police said. The eight-point buck was shot by police.

The River district's 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in the past have attended Benton Harbor junior high and high school or Eau Claire high school. Benton Harbor two years ago refused admission to new 9th graders from the River district. The Eau Claire board recently refused to admit new ninth graders beginning next September. This resulted in circulation of the petition for annexation.

Miller said interested parents, students, teachers, administrators, board members, candidates for board position, intermediate board and staff members and others interested in the fate of independent elementary districts are invited to the Wednesday night meeting.

Van Buren Millage Lowered By Board

PAW PAW — The Van Buren County Tax Allocation board yesterday cut one-tenth of a mill from the county's share of the 15-mill tax "pie" in making its final determination for 1969-70.

School district, intermediate school district and township allocations were granted as requested.

The county will receive 5.15 mills. The board of supervisors had requested 5.25 mills.

County Treasurer A.A. "Eddie" Smith, an allocation board member, said a cut had to be made because the board had only 15 mills to work with. It was easier to shave the county millage than lower the school districts' millage, Smith said.

The South Haven and Gobles school districts each

will receive 9.68 mills for the coming year while Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert,

Riverside Man Pleads Innocent

PAW PAW — George C. Rayther, 61, of Riverside, pleaded innocent to a charge of larceny from a building when arraigned Monday before Judge David Anderson, Jr., in Van Buren circuit court.

Rayther was arrested May 13 by Van Buren county sheriff's deputies on a charge of breaking and entering the home of Edward Daisey. The charge was reduced to larceny from a building.

William J. Ross, 29, Dowagiac, pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property. He was arrested by Van Buren sheriff's deputies on Feb. 14, in Keeler township and admitted having several items taken from the Buchanan Co-Op in his possession. He was released pending a pre-sentence investigation.

Elmer E. Brant, 34, Bangor, pleaded innocent to a charge of taking indecent liberties with a minor child. He was arrested on Feb. 4, in Arlington township. No date was set for his trial.

Lynn Audorf, 21, Kalamazoo, pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was arrested May 16 and found to be carrying an unregistered pistol. He was released on his own recognizance pending a pre-sentence investigation.

Decatur, Hartford, Lawrence, Lawton, Mattawan and Paw Paw school districts each will receive 8.68 mills.

DISTRICTS OVERLAP
South Haven and Gobles school districts requested the extra mill because they overlap into Allegan county. They also requested extra millage because they are classified as city school districts and have an enrollment larger in proportion to their area than non-city districts, Smith said.

The intermediate school district was allocated .17 of a mill for operation.

Each of the townships will receive one mill with the exception of Keeler and South Haven townships. Smith said neither of the two townships requested any millage this year.

Preliminary determinations of millage were made by the board last week.

U.S. Funds To Benefit Area Roads

From Associated Press
LANSING — Southwest Michigan counties will receive shares of nearly \$7 million in federal aid allocated to Michigan for county and secondary roads.

County shares, based on area population and road mileage, include: Allegan, \$98,824; Berrien, \$105,249; Cass, \$57,119; and Van Buren, \$72,437.

Training Centers Proposed

Berrien Voters Go To Polls On June 9

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is the first in a series this newspaper will publish in subsequent days on the countywide vocational-technical program for high school students that will come to a vote of the people of Berrien county June 9.

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

Voters of Berrien county on June 9 will be asked to decide if they want to establish and finance a comparatively new educational approach to providing students who don't go on to college with beginning technical skills for earning their living.

Some three years in coming to a vote, the proposal calls for building two skill training centers — one in the Benton Harbor area and the other near Niles — where qualified juniors and seniors from all high schools in the county could get specialized training one-half of each school day.

Cost to the taxpayer will be a 1.85-mill levy that would remain in effect for an indefinite period of years. It would take another vote of the people to discontinue the tax some time in the future. A 1.85-mill tax amounts to \$1.85 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation.

The Berrien County Intermediate School district would levy the tax and have final responsibility for the program. For actual day to day operation of the two skill centers, however, the intermediate board of education proposes to contract with two K-12 districts — Benton Harbor and Niles — to hire the instructors and run the centers.

State law prohibits the intermediate district — which is an administrative way station between local districts and the state department of education — from operating Vo-Tech centers. But the intermediate district would serve as coordinating agency to insure the program would be equitable to all K-12 districts in the county.

Cost of the two Vo-Tech centers has been estimated under today's price levels at \$2.9 million apiece, for a total building outlay of \$5,720,000. Bonds would be issued for a 29-year period to repay the building costs.

Each of the centers would serve 600 high school students, for a total of 1,200 juniors and seniors receiving the training annually. Students would attend classes in their home schools for half a day and spend the other half at the skill centers.

Business and industrial leaders who have aided a countywide committee in development of the plans have recommended the following occupational areas be included in the curriculum:

Data processing; advanced office work; health-related occupations; food services; motel, hotel and hospitality services; marketing and merchandising; commercial art; agricultural machinery; drafting and surveying; metal fabrication; machine tool operation; wood and plastic building trades; auto services and auto body repair; electronics and electricity; heating; air conditioning; re-

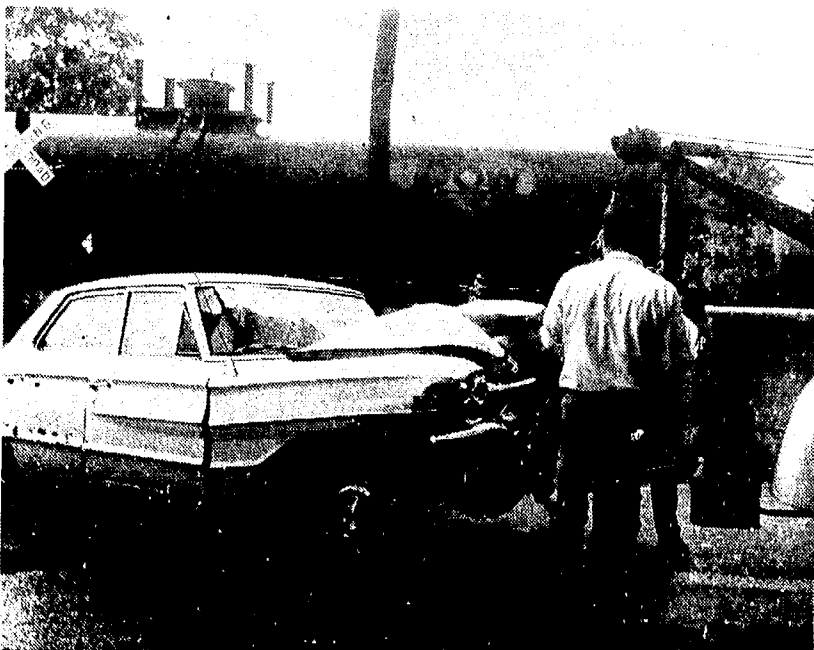
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Two Retain Van Buren School Posts

PAW PAW — William Woodman of Paw Paw and Rex Allen of Lawrence were re-elected last night to six-year terms on the Van Buren County Intermediate School board.

They were selected to continue on the board by members of local school district boards within the intermediate district. Woodman, a fruit grower, has served one full term on the board and currently is board treasurer. Allen was appointed to the board two years ago and will begin his first elected term. Allen is an officer of the American National bank at Lawrence.

The meeting was held at the intermediate school district office in Paw Paw. Both candidates were unopposed, and the vote was unanimous.



DEATH CAR: Wrecker crews haul away smashed car in which William Settles, 69, of rural Bangor was killed Monday. Engineer of train halted in background said he saw the driver crouch on front seat of car and wait for crash. (Staff photo)